

Re: Docket 03-187

My understanding is that you are requesting comments on the impact that communications towers, such as those that support TV and radio stations and cell phone service, are having on migratory birds. I am writing to ask you to take action to protect migratory birds. I request that the FCC:

1. begin a systematic review of communication tower and bird mortality issues

2. institute a research program, funded by the communications industry, to identify tower placement, design and lighting conditions that result in bird mortality

3. undertake environmental reviews of all existing towers to assess their placement and design with regard to migratory bird impacts

4. require that all proposed towers be subjected to rigorous environmental reviews

5. implement immediate protections based on existing knowledge, such as the voluntary tower sitting and placement guidelines developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Sincerely,
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